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Davis awards grants to 36 Hoosier communities for community development programs

INDIANAPOLIS-Lt. Gov. Kathy Davis today awarded more than \$15 million in Community Focus Fund grants to improve the quality of life for Hoosiers in 36 Indiana communities.

Davis, who serves as the director of the Indiana Department of Commerce, formally presented the second round of CFF grants for the year today in a Statehouse ceremony. The grants cover projects ranging from downtown revitalization projects to fire station improvements and water system upgrades.

"The state of Indiana applauds the efforts of the award recipients for doing their part to enhance their communities," said Davis. "Through the CFF program, we are reaching out to low-and moderate-income Hoosiers by supporting projects that make their communities—and our state—stronger and more competitive. These awards give us an opportunity to celebrate community leadership, resulting in a higher quality of life throughout Indiana."

Administered through the Indiana Department of Commerce's Office of Community Assistance, the federally funded grants are available to small cities, towns, and counties for construction projects designed to benefit low-to moderate-income individuals or to eliminate blight in communities.

Eligible projects for CFF grants include infrastructure improvements, senior and community centers, downtown revitalization, and fire stations and fire trucks. Up to \$500,000 is available per applicant. A match of at least 10 percent is required from the recipients of the grants, which are awarded twice each year.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Community Development Block Grant program, which funds CFF projects and other community development initiatives. For more information about the CFF grant program, contact Commerce's Office of Community Assistance at 800.824.2476 or access its Web site at www.indianacommerce.com.

A complete list of recipients is attached.

Community Focus Fund Awards 2004 Round 2

Grantee	County	Туре	Amount
Ashley, Town of	Dekalb	Wastewater	\$500,000
Bicknell, City of	Knox	Wastewater	\$500,000
Brookston, Town of	White	Water	\$490,000
Cass County	Cass	Fire Truck	\$100,000
Corunna, Town of	Dekalb	Fire Station	\$489,200
Crothersville, Town of	Jackson	Wastewater	\$500,000
Edwardsport, Town of	Knox	Water	\$500,000
Fowler, Town of	Benton	Downtown Revitalization	\$320,000
Geneva, Town of	Adams	Stormwater	\$485,000
Gibson County	Gibson	EMS Station	\$287,585
Greene County	Greene	Fire Truck	\$150,000
Greenfield, City of	Hancock	Historic Preservation	\$490,000
Harrison County	Harrison	Fire Station	\$256,500
Holton, Town of	Ripley	Fire Truck	\$126,361
Huntington, City of	Huntington	Youth Facility	\$441,563
Jasonville, City of	Greene	Wastewater	\$500,000
Jennings County	Jennings	Wastewater	\$500,000
Kirklin, Town of	Clinton	Water	\$398,350
LaGrange, Town of	LaGrange	Water	\$500,000
Lanesville, Town of	Harrison	Water	\$500,000
Middletown, Town of	Henry	Stormwater	\$500,000
Morocco, Town of	Newton	Library	\$500,000
Nashville, Town of	Brown	Downtown Revitalization	\$450,000
New Point, Town of	Decatur	Community Center	\$500,000
New Richmond, Town of	Montgomery	Fire Station	\$490,000
Ossian, Town of	Wells	Wastewater	\$500,000
Palmyra, Town of	Harrison	Stormwater	\$446,000
Princeton, City of	Gibson	Library	\$455,830
Rensselaer, City of	Jasper	Wastewater	\$500,000
Roann, Town of	Wabash	Wastewater	\$500,000
Rushville, City of	Rush	Wastewater	\$415,206
Salem, City of	Washington	Wastewater	\$485,000
Union County	Union	ADA	\$415,500
Wayne County	Wayne	Health Clinic	\$500,000
West Lebanon, City of	Warren	Wastewater	\$450,000
Windfall, Town of	Tipton	Fire Truck	\$145,000